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This edition of OFW e-NEWS has information on January observances of particular importance to women—Human Trafficking Prevention & Stalking Awareness. [Previous editions](#) this month highlighted Cervical Cancer Awareness.

Please pay extra attention to the announcement on Page 3: Registration for the 3rd Women's Citizen Police Academy is now open! OFW and LMPD partnered to bring you the first WCPA in 2009.

LMPD is continuing to offer a WCPA every other year. **Space is limited—registration is required.** You must sign up ([click here](#)) no later than March 19th. to receive an application. The signup page contains more information.

Special thanks to OFW interns, Haylee and Tania, for writing articles in this OFW e-NEWS. You'll be reading more about their projects and accomplishments soon!

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH



Did you know there are more people held in slavery today than there were in four centuries of the trans-Atlantic slave trade? In 2010, January was designated as Na-

tional Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month to acknowledge that many forms of slavery still exist today all over the world, as well as in the U.S. Human trafficking, which is often referred to as "modern-day slavery" is the act of recruiting, transporting, transferring, harboring or receiving a person through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of exploiting them.

It is estimated that over 27 million people are victims of slavery worldwide and approximately 14,500 – 17,500 individuals are trafficked into the U.S. annually. Human trafficking is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest criminal industry generating over \$32 billion per year.

People may be most familiar with sex trafficking, such as forced prostitution, stripping and pornography, through portrayals of this issue in movies and crime dramas. How-

ever, there are also many victims of labor trafficking in various settings such as domestic assistance (nannies or servants), construction, agriculture, hotels, restaurants and janitorial services. Regardless of the setting, the common thread for all victims is exploitation and loss of freedom.

A common misperception about human trafficking is that it only happens in other countries, or in big U.S. cities. However, it is happening everywhere, including Kentucky. Since 2008, 59 cases of human trafficking have been identified. Another misperception is that human trafficking only involves foreign citizens. However, 325,000 American youth are estimated to be "at risk" for being domestic trafficking victims involved in forced prostitution or pornography. Among the trafficking victims seen in KY, there have been foreign and domestic women, men and children. There are many faces to human trafficking and it's important for everyone to look beneath the surface to help combat trafficking in our community.



### 5 ways YOU can combat Human Trafficking

1. Learn more about the issue
2. Talk to your friends, family and community leaders about Human Trafficking.
3. Run a 5K or half-marathon and raise pledges to donate to an anti-trafficking organization
4. Become a conscious consumer: [Free2Work](#) provides consumers with information on forced and child labor for the brands and products they love.
5. Report suspected trafficking to:
  - National Human Trafficking Resource Center 1.888.373.7888
  - Catholic Charities of Louisville 502-974-4947
  - Local law enforcement

### How you can learn more about Human Trafficking

Read about it:

- [A Crime So Monstrous](#) by E. Benjamin Skinner
- [Not For Sale](#) By David Batstone
- [The Slave Next Door](#) by Kevin Bales & Ron Soodalter

Explore websites of local, national and international programs

- [KY Rescue and Restore](#)
- [Polaris Project](#)
- [Not For Sale Campaign](#)
- [Free the Slaves](#)
- [International Justice Mission](#)

Visit the [National Underground Railroad Freedom Center](#)



## NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH JANUARY 2012

For more information about stalking or if you believe you are a victim of a stalking crime check out these sites:

- Get the [Facts](#)
- Info. on [Stalking Awareness Month](#)
- [Stalking Safety Planning](#)
- [A Handbook for Victims](#)

For help or someone to talk to call: 1-800-799-SAFE or visit the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association [website](#).



## JANUARY IS STALKING AWARENESS MONTH

Stalking is not often what comes to mind when we think about criminal activity. It is, however, a dangerous crime that is prevalent within our society.

Stalking affects **3.4 million** adults each year in the U.S., according to the [Stalking Resource Center of the National Center for Victims of Crime](#). For this reason, the U.S. Department of Justice launched National Stalking Awareness Month in 2004. Each January there have been efforts to increase Stalking Awareness to give citizens the power to “**know, name, and stop**” stalking in communities around the country.

This year’s theme, “Stalking—Know It. Name It. Stop It.” is a challenge for everyone to fight this dangerous crime by learning more about it.

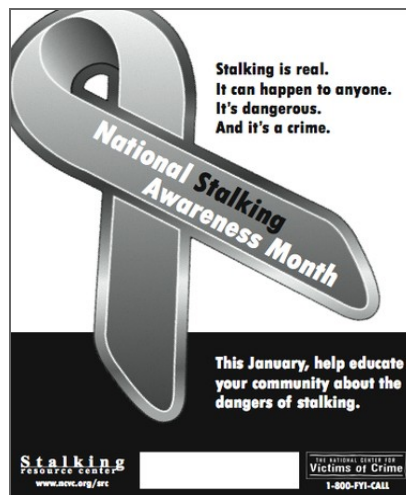
According to the Stalking Resource Center, the crime is difficult to recognize, investigate, and prosecute in many communities because it is not identifiable by one single act of crime. Stalking is a series of criminal acts that are aimed at a specific person to instill fear.

Authorities also find it difficult to investigate and prosecute stalking crimes because stalkers tend to follow their victims from one

jurisdiction to another, have no standard psychological profile, and commit acts of stalking in many different forms (i.e. assaults, threats, unwanted contact, and related behaviors).

Dr. TK Logan of the University of Kentucky, in

her recent study on partner stalking found that victims often do not report partner stalking to the police as well. Victims may have several reasons, according to Dr. Logan, for not reporting the crime such as “fear of the stalker”, “lack of proof”, “police couldn’t or wouldn’t do anything”, and it is “not always clear how to report stalking”.



One report in a sample of female college women that found only **17% of stalking incidents were reported to the police**.

Another report in 2009 estimated that “**for every 1 case of partner stalking identified by police, 21 were missed.**”

**Don’t be a victim of stalking.** If you believe you’re being stalked, check out some of the links we have provided or contact the police.

**Knowledge is power!**

### Facts about Stalking

- Common stalking tactics include physical surveillance, unwanted phone calls and contact, property invasion or damage, and proxy stalking.
- Partner stalking is the largest category of stalking cases.

- Between 4.8% and 14.5% of women 18+ report ever being stalked by an intimate partner.
- 81% of women stalked by a former or current partner were also physically assaulted by that partner.
- Partner stalkers are more threatening and more violent than non-partner stalkers.

# Women's Citizen Police Academy

April 5—June 21, 2012

## Louisville Metro Police Department Presents 3rd Women's Citizen Police Academy



During these 12 weeks participants will:

- ⇒ Tour LMPD Headquarters
- ⇒ Learn about specialized units:
  - Domestic Violence
  - Crimes Against Children
  - Crimes Against Seniors
  - Public Integrity
  - K-9, Mounted Police and SWATT
- ⇒ Participate in a self-defense class
- ⇒ Increase your knowledge of:
  - Internet Predators
  - Firearms Automated Training Systems
  - Tasers
  - LMPD Professional Standards
  - Block Watch Organization
  - Scamming and Identity Theft

### **What:**

Women's Citizen Police Academy  
Free 12 Week Course

### **When:**

April 5-June 21, 2012  
Every Thursday evening  
7:00-9:30pm

### **Where:**

Locations will vary so attendees will be familiar with the different LMPD facilities throughout Metro.

### **Participants will also engage in additional activities:**

- ♦ Ride along on patrol
- ♦ Tour of Coroner's Office
- ♦ Jail Tour

**Registrations will be limited to 25.  
Walk-ins will not be accepted.**

**[Click Here](#) to sign up by March  
19th to receive an application**